

Hauppauge, NY— Today, Congressman Steve Israel (D-Huntington) and Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone announced that Suffolk County will receive \$234,676 from the U.S. Department of Justice to reduce forensic DNA sample turnaround time, decrease DNA backlogs and improve our criminal justice system.

Rep. Israel said, "This federal funding will allow Suffolk County to analyze DNA samples more efficiently and cost effectively and, as a result, take full advantage of DNA technology's potential. By using advanced technologies, we can get more criminals off of our streets and keep Suffolk County residents safe."

County Executive Bellone said, "Over the past decade, the number of DNA cases analyzed by the Crime Lab has increased dramatically. This grant will enable our Crime Lab to maintain its high level of standards and will enhance law enforcement efforts in Suffolk County."

The grant money will be used to assist Suffolk County to reduce forensic DNA sample turnaround time, increase the throughput of public DNA laboratories, and reduce DNA backlogs.